



Town of Garrett Park

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President, Montgomery County Council
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I understand that the White Flint 2 Master Plan amendment contains a proposal for a MARC commuter rail station to be placed just north of Garrett Park, not far from the Garrett Park station. I also believe that MARC management has made clear that it would not allow individual trains to stop at two commuter rail stations in such proximity and that the very existence of two stations so close may inevitably lead to the closing of one of them.

As you may be aware the Town of Garrett Park, a National Historic District, was founded as a commuter rail suburb and was named after Robert W. Garrett, the president of the B&O railroad at that time. Much of the history of our town revolves about its close connection to the railroad and the station in town.

We strongly believe that our character as a National Historic District and the ability of our residents to use the MARC service effectively would be adversely affected if our station had reduced (or no) service due to one at White Flint, and we would take whatever actions are required to prevent that from happening. Consequently we request that a commuter rail station in the proximity of the one in Garrett Park not be included in the White Flint 2 Master Plan amendment.

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Mayor, Town of Garrett Park

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